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SUBJECT: EC ARRANGMENT WITH IRAN

REF: A. STATE 230852 B. EC BRUSSELS 8054

1. IN OCTOBER 22 MEETING WITH FONOF, ATTENDED
BY EUR/NE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, WE ASKED OFFICE
DIRECTOR HANDLING ISSUE (OLE KOCH) ABOUT DANISH
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POSITION ON EC PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS

WITH IRAN, INDICATING STRONG US OBJECTIONS TO SUCH STEPS. KOCK NOTED STATEMENTS MADE BY FONMIN GULDBERG AT OCT 15 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL WHERE GOLDBERG REFERRED TO RECENT DANISH DISCUSSIONS WITH IRANISNA, AT WHICH IRANIANS MADE CLEAR THAT MERE INCLUSION UNDER GSP WAS NOT WHAT THEY WANTED. GULDBERG FELT THERE WAS MUCH TO BE SAID FOR IRANIAN POSITION SINCE EVENTS OVER THE PAST YEAR HAVE CHANGED THE INTERNATIONAL STATURE OF IRAN CONSIDERABLY. HE ASKED THAT FUTURE NATURE OF RELATIONS WITH IRAN BE KEPT ON THE COREPER(COMMITTEE OF PERM REPS)AND COUNCIL AGENDAS AND BE EXAMINTED "WITHOUT PREJUDICE". THIS AS REPORTED BY EC BRUSSELS (REF B) WAS AGREED. KOCK ADDED THAT DANISH POINT HAD NO DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH GERMAN REQUEST FOR SPECIAL PREFERENCES ON IRANIAN OIL PRODUCTS, WHICH DENMARK ALSO OPPOSED.

2. ECON COUNCILOR REVIEWED US OBJECTIONS TO SUCH SPECIAL ARRANGMENT BOTH ON GATT GROUNDS AS WELL AS ON BASIS OF PREVIOUS EC COMMITEMENTS TO US ON NON-PROLIFERATION OF SPECIAL TRADING ARRANGMENTS. BEYOND THAT HE NOTED THAT WE DID NOT BELIEVE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS AT THIS TIME WITH A MAJOR OIL EXPORTER WOULD USEFULLY SERVE BROADER INTERESTS SHARED BY EF (PARTICULARLY DENARMK) AND US.

3. KOCK SAID DANES FULLY UNDERSTAND US POSITION AND NOTED THAT DENMARK HAD PLAYED POSITIVE ROLE IN OBTAINING AGREEMENT TO ELIMINATION OF REVERSE PREFERENCES IN ACP NEGOTIATINS. AT PRESENT DENMARK IS MERELY ASKING EC TO LOOK AGAIN AT POSSIBILITIES OF MUTALLY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT WITH IRAN AND IS NOT ADVOCATING ANY SPECIFIC AVENUE OF APPROACH. HE SPECIFICALLY DENIED THAT DENMARK ADVOCATES A FREE TRADE ARRANGEMENT WITH IRAN.

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R. EMBASSY COMMENT. DANES HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD ON EXPANDING TRADE AND INVESTMENT POSSIBILITIES WITH IRAN. THEY ARE ALSO CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING FOR A DOLWS 300 MILLION LOAN FROM IRAN. CONSEQUENTLY THEY HAVE THEIR SPECIAL REASONS FOR BEING AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE TO IRAN IN EC CONTEXT ALTHOUGH THEY CLAIM THEY DO NOT YET HAVE A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL TO OFFER.ON OTHER

HAND,HANES REMAIN IN PRINCIPLE, OPPOSED TO
SPECIAL PREFERENCE ARRANGMENTS. AT PRESENT
THEY ARE TORN BETWEEN THE TWO CONFLICTING OB-
JECTIVES. OUR REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE HELPFUL
IN ENCOURAGING CAUTION. IT MAY BE THAT
DANES ARE MERELY MAKING NOISES IN BRUSSELS TO
IMPRESS IRAN WITH THEIR GOOD WILL.
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